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GENERAL INTEREST

COMSUBPAC recently sent the following message: "Bravo Zulu to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (PSNS) and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and IMF (PHNSY & IMF) for the successful completion of emergent repairs to the USS LOUISVILLE (SSN 724) Thin Line Towed Array. Undocking early enabled the ship to meet her immediate operational requirements. Well done and keep charging".

VADM John Nathman, Commander, Naval Airforce, U.S. Pacific Fleet, visited the USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) on 5 December 2000 as part of a three day tour of the West Puget Sound Navy. The Admiral is no stranger to the Pacific Northwest. He served as the Executive Officer of the USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) in 1987 and 1998 and as the NIMITZ's Commanding Officer from 1992-1993. The Admiral was on the VINSON to get a first-hand look at some of his assets. During the 45 minute tour the Admiral strolled through passageways, and across the hangar deck, studying equipment and questioning Sailors about life onboard the carrier.

CDR Robert Aronson relieved CDR Stephen Szyszka as Commanding Officer of the USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN 730) Gold Crew, on 1 December 2000, in a Change of Command Ceremony at the Consolidated Mess Open, SUBASE Bangor.

CDR Dietrich Kuhlmann relieved CDR Thomas Barge as Commanding Officer of the USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) Gold crew, on 17 November 2000, in a Change of Command Ceremony at NUWC Division Keyport Naval Undersea Museum in the Jack Murdock auditorium.

As the Navy continues to expand its homeporting capabilities at Naval Station Bremerton, a Poulsbo business has been selected to build a larger, more accommodating pier for aircraft carriers. General Construction, Inc. of Poulsbo has been awarded a \$47.5 million firm-fixed-price contract to provide for the demolition of the current Pier Delta at Naval Station Bremerton. The firm is also tasked with the design and construction of a new 1,310 foot long by 150 foot wide pier. The contract covers all services, labor, equipment and material

to carry out the entire project. General Construction, Inc. will install the necessary utilities both on the pier and shore side to support the homeporting of a NIMITZ Class nuclear aircraft carrier as well the four AOE's currently homeported at Naval Station Bremerton.

The U. S. Navy and Washington State Department of Ecology were the recipients of the Vice Presidential "Hammer" Award administered by the National Partnership for Reinventing Government that recognizes federal and local government agencies for initiatives that work better and cost less. The award is a national recognition for two major powers in Washington State who have worked together during a 10 year partnership to reduce hazardous waste and oil spills dramatically. The ceremony was held on December 13 2000 in the State Reception Room in the State Capital Building in Olympia Washington. On hand for the event were RADM Vinson Smith, Commander Navy Region Northwest, Mr. Tom Fitzsimmons, Washington State Department of Ecology Director, Mr Bryan McConaughy, Deputy District Director for U.S. Congressman Norm Dicks, and Ms. Susan Blumenthal, Partnership Press Officer, representing the National Partnership for Reinventing Government.

The USS SACRAMENTO (AOE 1) recently completed an extremely successful Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) and has been rated as "fully mission capable". Known as the last true inspection, the satisfactory results certify that the SACRAMENTO is fit for further service and ready for another deployment cycle. INSURV is mandated by Congress to determine a ship's fitness for service and to report on material conditions which might limit the ship's capability to carry out its assigned mission. The inspection is required on all Navy vessels every three to five years.

NORTHWEST MAINTENANCE INTEGRATION STUDY TEAMS

Ten Maintenance Integration study teams have been stood up in the Northwest region. The teams have been tasked to study ship maintenance processes used by PSNS and Naval Intermediate Maintenance Activity Pacific Northwest (NAVIMFAC PACNORWEST), with the intent of making them seamless. The teams are Engineering/Planning and QA, Training, Resources, Military Integration, Personnel Transfers/Employee Relations, Metrics, Business/Customer Interface, Financial Integration, Automated Information Systems, and Operations. Each team is addressing specific taskings developed by the Integration Management Team (IMT) and approved by the PSNS and NAVIMFAC PACNORWEST Commanding Officers. Our intent is to provide updates on team progress in the Reader. Additionally, team leaders and minutes are posted on the NWRMC web site.

No Team reports were available for this issue due to the Christmas and New Year holidays shut down of PSNS and the liberal leave policy of other involved commands.

*****REGIONAL MAINTENANCE MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/VISITS*****

Fleet Maintenance Executive Steering Committee (ESC) Conference (Formerly called RMIB):

The next Fleet maintenance ESC Conference will be on 27-28 February 2001 at the Radisson Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax Street, (old town) Alexandria, VA 22314. Guest room rate is JTR rate, \$119/night plus tax.

Room reservations may be made by calling 1-800-333-3333 indicating reservation is for Radisson Alexandria and meeting group is "Navy Maintenance". There will be a conference fee of \$100 collected at the door. Personal checks will be accepted.

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